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AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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SUBJECT: LUANDA SITREP AUG 6-7

ADDIS FOR RSS; CINCEUR AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS; NAIROBI FOR RCO;  
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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. URBAN VIOLENCE (STILL MAINLY WHITE-  
AGAINST BLACK AND BLACK-AGAINST-BLACK) CONTINUING AT  
LEVEL PREVIOUS DAYS. STILL NO INCIDENTS INVOLVING AMCITS.  
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RUMORS SPREADING OF PLANNED BLACK ATTACK ON WHITE NEIGHBOR-

HOODS. END SUMMARY.

2. BEGINNING LATE AM AUG 6 BANDS OF WHITE HIGH SCHOOL AGE YOUTHS IN CARS, TRUCKS AND ON MOTORCYCLES FORCED CLOSING MANY BANKS, STORES, RESTAURANTS, MEETING NO RESISTANCE TO THEIR EFFORTS. MANY CARRIED PRO-SAVIMBI PLACARDS AND PORTUGUESE FLAGS. SOME BLACKS ACCCOMPANIED, MOSTLY STAYING ON TRUCKS. LOTS OF NOISE BUT LITTLE VIOLENCE DURING THIS PHASE DAY'S ACTIVITIES.

3. LATE IN DAY (AUG 6) MILITARY ANNOUNCED PARTIAL VEHICLE CURFEW (REALLY ONLY ATTEMPT PLACE MUCEQUES OFF LIMITS TO WHITE TROUBLE-MAKERS) AND SAID CAR PROCESSIONS WOULD NOT BE TOLERATED. SOME PROCESSIONS IN EVIDENCE EARLY EVENING BUT ACTIVITY THAT SORT DROPPED OFF QUICKLY.

4. NIGHT AUG 6-7 SAW INCREASED VIOLENCE AND FURTHER FIRES IN MUCEQUES, WITH MORE SHOOTING HEARD IN WHITE NEIGHBORHOODS THAN DURING PREVIOUS NIGHT. MILITARY/ POLICE PRESENCE (ALL WHITE) AROUND MUCEQUES LIMITED TO ROADBLOCKS ON MAIN STREETS LEAVING OPEN ACCESS VIA BACK STREETS AND FIELDS. CONGEN OFFICERS CHECKING MILITARY ACTIVITY ON MUCEQUE PERIMETER DURING NIGHT HEARD MODERATE AMOUNT GUNFIRE AND SMELLED LINGERING TRACES TEAR GAS USED EARLIER. (PORTUGUESE TROOPS GENERALLY NOT EQUIPPED WITH GAS MASKS.) ARMY MOUNTING JEEP PATROLS INTO MUCEQUES WHILE LEAVING PANARD MINI-TANKS PARKED AT ROADBLOCKS.

5. STORIES OF MASS BLACK ATTACK ON WHITE NEIGHBORHOODS PLANNED FOR AUG 15 CIRCULATING WIDELY AMONG BOTH WHITES AND BLACKS. (IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER OR NOT TRUE, IF STORY WIDELY BELIEVED IT MAY PROVOKE PRE-EMPTIVE VIOLENCE BY WHITES.) ALSO RUMORED IS BLACK-LED GENERAL STRIKE AUG 15-31.

6. OFFICIAL REPORTED DEATH TOLL 24 HOURS ENDING 4 PM AUG 6 WAS THREE. REAL FIGURE PROBABLY AROUND 10. (ONE WHITE MOTORIST REPORTED KILLED BY COMMANDOS WHEN HE ATTEMPTED RUN CHECKPOINT ON EDGE PRENDA MUCEQUE.) IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS JUNTA PRESIDENT ROSA COUTINHO BEGINNING SLIP INTO WAYS OF HIS PREDECESSORS, GIVING APPEARANCE OF BEING CONFIDENTIAL

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SOMEWHAT OUT OF TOUCH WITH DIMENSIONS SITUATION. HE DID ADMIT HOWEVER THAT PORTUGUESE TROOPS UNPREPARED AND UNDERRUEDD TO COPE WITH URBAN VIOLENCE. (COMMENT: EQUIPMENT PROBLEM EXISTS BUT IS MINOR COMPARED TO COMMONLY ASCRIBED UNCERTAIN ATTITUDE METROPOLITAN TROOPS.)

7. RANK-AND-FILE SOURCE IN POLICE (PSP) CLAIMS PSP RECRUITED IN METROPOLE WILL RESIGN EN MASSE IF THERE ARE

FURTHER INCIDENTS WITH ARMY. (CONTRARY PARA 1 REFTEL,  
INCIDENT OF ARMY DISARMING PSP APPARENTLY INVOLVED MORE  
THAN ONE POLICEMAN. PROBLEM ACCORDING POLICE IS ARMY  
REFUSAL TO PERMIT POLICE "STOP," I.E. SHOOT, BLACK LOOTERS.)

8. COMMENT: DIFFICULT JUDGE POSSIBILITY ORGANIZED BLACK  
REPRISALS AGAINST WHITE AREAS. IN PAST WE HAD FELT MEMORY OF  
1961 MADE ATTEMPT UNLIKELY. HOWEVER, MPLA CONTACTS  
HERE INCREASINGLY FEARFUL AN ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE  
UNLESS ARMY STOPS FURTHER KILLING OF BLACKS BY WHITES.  
PROBABLE MPLA HAS ARMS CACHES AND LIKELY FNLATTEMPTING  
BRING IN WEAPONS FROM NORTH.  
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